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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a method for detecting a nucleic acid comprising the production of a plurality of amplifications of a section of said nucleic acid with the assistance of two primers of which one can bond on a bonding sequence A of the nucleic acid and the other can bond on a bonding sequence C' which is complimentary to a sequence C. Sequence C does not overlap A and is situated in a 3' direction from A. The inventive method also includes bringing the amplifications in contact with a probe having a bonding sequence D which can bond on a sequence B, said sequence B being situated between sequences A and C, or the complement thereof. In addition, the invention relates to the detection of the construction of a hybrid out of the amplification and the probe, whereby the sequence situated between the bonding sequences A and C contains no nucleotides, said nucleotides not being linked to the bonding sequence D of the probe or to complement D' thereof.

(57) Zusammenfassung

Verfahren zum Nachweis einer Nukleinsäure umfassend die Herstellung einer Vielzahl von Amplifikaten eines Teilstücks dieser Nukleinsäure mit Hilfe zweier Primer, von denen einer an eine Bindesequenz A der Nukleinsäure binden kann und von denen der andere an eine Bindesequenz C', die zu einer mit A nicht überlappenden, in 3'–Richtung von A gelegenen Sequenz C komplementär ist, binden kann, Inkontaktbringen der Amplifikate mit einer Sonde mit einer Bindesequenz D, welche an eine zwischen den Sequenzen A und C gelegene Sequenz B oder das Komplement davon binden kann, und Nachweis der Bildung eines Hybrides aus dem Amplifikat und der Sonde, wobei die zwischen den Bindesequenzen A and C gelegene Sequenz keine Nukleotide enthält, die nicht der Bindesequenz D der Sonde oder ihrem Komplement D' zugehören.